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**Subject:** Questions from a Concerned Citizen

To Whom it May Concern,

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

First and foremost I would like to congratulate you on your appointment to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, an agency that is vital to ensuring the health and safety of all citizens of the United States. You are tasked with ensuring that citizens lives will not be at risk and that the natural beauty of the land we live on is not destroyed by unsafe dumping of materials damaging to the environment. This can be a complex task to achieve while also ensuring that the government does not restrict companies in such a way that hurts the economy to a great extent. However, as a citizen of the United States I have several concerns about potential ways that are currently planned to ensure environmental safety while not restricting businesses and economic growth.

In your speech to the employees of the Environmental Protection Agency you stated that "We can be both pro-energy and jobs and pro-environment. That we don't have to choose between the two." My question to you is that by being both pro-energy and pro-environment while also providing jobs do you plan on accomplishing this task by increasing our use of renewable energy sources such as air, water and solar or by continuing our use of nonrenewable coal and oil? This question is important to me for I want to be ensured that my health, my future children's health and my fellow Americans health will not be risked by using resources that are calculated to run out within the next 100 years.

Also another concern I have is that the Trump Administration has made it clear that environmental regulations will be reduced in order to lessen the impact they have on the economy and promote business. While this may be helpful for businesses, my concern is that this may lead to unsafe practices that put people at risk. How do you plan on lessening regulation while also ensuring that businesses do not conduct these unsafe practices such as dumping toxic materials into nearby waterways?

Thank you Administrator Pruitt for taking the time to address my concerns,

Sincerely,

Matthew Nichols

